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I believe that it is important for the US Department of Justice to take a tougher stand on imposing the penalties on Microsoft that they deserve. They are guilty of monopolising the software industry and leveraging their various monopolies to create new ones. This is a behavior, as shown by your prosecutors and confirmed by the presiding judge in the matter, that is not a new thing nor a minor thing but is a fundamental part of their core business model.

For this reason no light penalty is sufficient to punish MicroSoft and begin restoring a measure of competition to this strangled industry. Nothing short of a massive restructuring of the way that they do business will accomplish this, a restructuring that needs to be imposed and enforced by the caretakers of the public good, you.

The current proposed settlement does exactly the opposite of the minimum required restitution. It increases MicroSofts monopolies, makes no restitution for past violations, and makes minimal assurances as to avoidance of future repetitions. For these reasons I feel it is imperative that you reject the proposed settlement and push for more effective measures that better maintain the publics need for competition.

Sincerely,

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